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EDITORIAL NOTES

As the crops are so clean, we guess the farmers have refused to "keep off the grass."

Durham and Raleigh are now talking back to each other through a telephone, which connects the two cities.

The man who is a fool because he is ignorant, is to be pitied. The man who is a fool and is glad of it, is the meanest fool in all fooldom.

Capt. Octavius Coke is respectfully requested to offer a reward for his State bank mania which escaped from Washington a few days ago.

Bro. C. McG. Dunn, District Organizer, has just reported to State Secretary the re-organization of two Sub-Alliances in Brunswick and one in Bladen.

In the past few weeks troops have been called out in more than a dozen States. Are we about to have a civil revolution? No. We are not about to; it is here now.

It is rumored that the Democratic Executive Committee decided to buy one of those new baby incubators during their meeting here last week, also to employ a nurse.

We have it on good authority that whenever Governor Tillman finds time to discuss the administration at all he always leaves off the first syllable of the word discuss.

We are in receipt of the first number of the Searchlight, a new reform paper published at Louisburg, edited by Rev. Baylus Cade. It is newsworthy and strikes from the shoulder.

It is hard to tell which is doing the most harm in the country cowardly and corrupt newspapers or cowardly preachers. We are glad some preachers are not cowardly, however.

We are wrestling with a question of the gravest character, as Grover Sherman once said. We wonder if a Democratic Congress with 84 majority could manage to pass the time of day.

A State Democratic exchange argues that the Populist party is a blessing in disguise. We don't know. But if it is, it is better than some other parties we know of. They are a curse without any disguise.

The "three legged chicken," "first potatoes" and "frost bitten seasons" having ended, the State press will now go ahead with the bear season, giving accounts of bears chasing people and eating horses, etc.

If your label is not dated ahead you had better renew at once. Names are coming off every week. We have been both patient and lenient. You want the paper during the next four months. Don't put us to the trouble of taking off your name and putting it back on.

We are happy to inform our readers that the administration has disposed of every plank in the Chicago platform, by splitting them over the heads of the men who voted for what they didn't want because they were afraid they couldn't get what they wanted if they voted for it.

AN UNCALLED-FOR ATTACK.

The Charlotte Observer frequently elevates its glass so high that large objects quite near it are overlooked. A few days ago it jumped on Governor Waite, of Colorado, the headlines of its editorial reading thus: "A 95,000 Ass Power Governor." It contained a number of rough hits, about such as the plutocratic sheets in that big den of iniquity, New York, frequently mould.

We don't know much about Governor Waite. He is too far away. If reports be true, he is fiery and, perhaps, too zealous in some things. But he evidently isn't a coward nor a cringing conservative. The Observer charges that he precipitated a riot in Denver a few months ago. He did. How? As we understand it the Governor of that State has the power to appoint the city officials in Denver, or a portion of them, at least. Naturally, according to the theory that "to the victor belongs the spoils"—a doctrine that the Observer will get up and preach a sermon in favor of at any hour of the night—Governor Waite appointed Populists to take the place of Republican office-holders. He had a right to do this, and it was his duty. What do we see? The chief of police, one of the displaced officers, collects his subordinates and deputies, arms them with Winchester and swears that the new officers shall not enter the city hall.

Governor Waite first used persuasion and failed. Then he called out the State militia. This was the only course to pursue, the law was enforced and no blood was shed. The State Supreme Court sustained Governor Waite. When it comes to new party officers having to call out troops before they can get old party officers out, who have been displaced by a majority of the voters of the State, we think old party organs ought to sing low, or somebody will think there are some "95,000 ass power" editors loose in the land.

But to the present case. As is well known, the miners in some fourteen States have been on a strike for several weeks. There has been hot blood between the men and mine owners. About 75,000 men were on a strike. The mine-owners had cut their wages until they were only allowed 42 cents per ton for such dangerous, disagreeable work. They claim that the work cannot be done for less than 75 cents per ton, and the Scientific American, of the 9th, says this rate is not exorbitant. Well, the mine-owners represented the miners as dangerous, out of money and food. Several Governors ordered out troops to protect the lives and property in the coal regions. Colorado was the first State where a compromise was made. That alone reflected credit upon Governor Waite, for he was tireless in his efforts to get justice for both sides and, at the same time, prevent bloodshed. Instead of ordering out the troops, as some plutocratic Governors did, he went to the mines, and by talking with both sides, finally arranged an amicable adjustment. He was not afraid to go among the miners and mine owners. Some other Governors sat in their easy chairs and sent troops with orders that have not been made public (too damnable, no doubt.) "In the present instance," says the Observer, "Governor Waite fostered discontent and rebellion instead of discountenancing and suppressing it. He paid the miners a personal visit, buttooled them, hohnobbed with them, and whispered softly in their ears." The editor of the Charlotte Observer has been mentioned more than one time for Governor of this State. Now you can form an idea of the kind of a Governor he would make.

Governor Waite did right. About one year ago Governor Carr accompanied six companies of State troops to James City, near New Berne, to put down an insurrection there. The negroes in that place had bought property and lived upon it for twenty odd years. They refused to give it up, though the courts had said it should go to the former, or 'real, owner. Governor Carr carried the troops there, but did he order them to begin the work of destruction at once on the negroes, though they had refused to obey the law? The Governor-editor of the Observer intimates that this would have been his plan with the miners. No. Gov. Carr went across Trent river, made speeches to the negroes, told them they must obey the law, and gave them two days to surrender or accept the terms offered. In Colorado there were thousands of white men bidding defiance, not to the law, but to monopoly, to insatiable greed. Gov. Waite was more conservative, more humane even than Gov. Carr. He left the troops at home and went among the men, talked kindly to them, talked firmly with the mine-owners, was patient with all, and at last secured a settlement of the difficulty without shedding blood or putting the State to expense. The trouble has not yet been settled in some other States, and this leads us to believe that the "95,000 ass-

power" Governors are in some other States, if they are anywhere. But wouldn't the Observer make a sweet Governor? He would order out the troops and slay ten thousand people forty times a year. Every time two citizens would get full of tulu and collide, Governor Caldwell would be out with his tin soldiers. He would even allow the soldiers to wear tan shoes and smoke Jook's coffin screws. The Observer may as well become reconciled to the situation. All the States will soon have Governors who will settle things in a common sense way, and then the conditions and the greed that brings about strikes will have to take a back seat.

Striking miners have nearly brought about a coal famine. Railroads up North are burning old crosties in their locomotives, and some factories have stopped for lack of fuel. The monopolists can split the Chicago platform into kindling wood and keep up steam a while yet.

SAM AND GROVER.

Capt. Sam Ashe and Capt. Grover Cleveland are a fine team. We put Mr. Ashe down first because we think a little more of him than we do of the man who has wrecked more homes, caused more misery and disaster than any man living or dead. But perhaps the editor of the News Observer Chronicle only needs "a chance" to imitate his double so far as their views coincide, and he would then make the fur fly. Let us hope this is not true. But read this from the News Observer Chronicle and then tell us what you think:

"We have frequently differed with the administration, State and Federal; and when we have differed on matters of moment we have always said so and have given our reasons. But we do not denounce our friends, Mr. Cleveland is entitled to the most respectful consideration. His honesty of purpose no sensible man can question. His great capacity is acknowledged by all men. His patriotism is undoubted. When forced to differ with him, we do so with reluctance, but still we sometimes do, and then we say so, but always in terms of high respect.

When you hear of a big failure among the business men—and you hear of them very often nowadays, it would be well to inquire how the firm or individual stood on the tariff, the supposition being that it caused the failure, no matter which way the person or firm voted.

COLONEL JOHN R. CALAMITY HOWLER.

Col. John Robinson, our Commissioner of Agriculture, has moved out on his farm a few miles from Raleigh. Since his experience is now more practical and less theoretical, he is about to retreat from the brilliant stand taken in opposition to the calamity howlers. Heretofore he has maintained that farmers were lazy, improvident, and only need to raise their own supplies and vote the Wall street ticket to be happy. The Raleigh Evening Visitor quotes the Commissioner as follows: "The commissioner of agriculture says he never in his life saw such a poor prospect for the farmers; that everything is against them and that the cold nights are about to destroy the cotton." If Secretary Ayer will offer a premium for the loudest calamity howler at the next State Fair we think the esteemed Commissioner will outdistance all competitors. We have been a calamity howler for several years, but have never struck one of our class who can hold a candle to the Commissioner since he went "down upon the farm."

CAUSED BY LOW PRICES.

The United States Monetary commission, composed of Republicans and Democrats, discussing the depression in industry in 1877 in their report to Congress, said: "The true and only cause of the stagnation in industry and commerce, now everywhere felt, is the fact now everywhere existing, of falling prices caused by a shrinking volume of money. This is the great cause. All others are collateral cumulative, or really the effect of that cause." The same condition of low prices and industrial stagnation exists to day in a more intensified form than in 1877, and was brought about by the same cause. The remedy is plain: Place the administration of the government under the control of a new aggressive party of the people free from gold bug influences and pledged to give the people a volume of currency adequate to the demands of trade and commerce.

Some poor, onery cuss has started the report that Grover Sherman, & Co., have not carried out the Chicago platform. This is not true. They carried it out through the back door of the Capitol and swapped it to the Sugar Trust for a wad of molasses candy and have been holding a national candy pulling for several weeks. Some people are away behind.

STILL BLAMING THE OTHER FELLOWS.

The Messenger has many times ventilated the huge pension fraud. It has given the figures from time to time, as people forget and line upon line is the best way to teach truth. The official figures reveal the enormity as well as wickedness of this wholesale robbery. This year the people are taxed \$166,000,000 for pensions, as much as President Buchanan required to carry on the government for two entire years. Preserve the following figures if you would see what rascality is practiced by the Republican plunderers under the guise of patriotism. The following are the appropriations for each year:

Table with 2 columns: Year and Amount. 1879: \$35,121,429.29; 1880: \$56,777,174.44; 1881: \$60,049,879.83; 1882: \$61,245,433.95; 1883: \$66,115,573.64; 1884: \$55,429,228.06; 1885: \$66,102,267.46; 1886: \$64,474,864.03; 1887: \$73,496,402.60; 1888: \$80,283,508.77; 1889: \$77,634,779.11; 1890: \$76,499,855.17; 1891: \$74,415,951.40; 1892: \$145,583,053.79; 1893: \$149,357,557.87; 1894: \$166,531,310.03.

Col. Dr. Kingsbury is a gentleman of the old school. He would resent any intimation that he is practicing deception of the vilest kind, but he is all the same. The Republicans are guilty of all the charges—when they were in power. But examine the above figures and you will find that the pensions increased from \$55,429,228.06 in 1884 to \$80,283,508.77 in 1888, and this was during Cleveland's first administration. He and John Sherman were the bosses of the two parties then, just as they are now. But to be still more liberal we will take the two past years and the present. In 1892 the pensions amounted to \$145,583,053.79. But you say Cleveland and this Democratic House and Senate didn't get in until March, 1893. True. But the House was Democratic in 1890 and 1892 and could have cut off the pensions, or kept down the enormous expenditures. But since March, 1893, the Democrats have had full and absolute control and the pensions have jumped from one hundred and fifty nine millions to one hundred and sixty six millions, and yet the Messenger admits in the above that it is "still increasing." The editor of the Messenger may outlive any of we younger people, but at best he has but a little longer on this earth. Is he ready to meet his Creator without correcting the false impression he endeavors to convey in the above?

The repeal of the State bank tax was voted down last week in the House by a majority of 81, 102 voting in favor of the bill and 183 against. Yet this repeal was a plank in the Chicago platform and the Democrats have a clear majority of 84 members in the House. Better repeal the Chicago platform and quit.

MORE MONEY IS THE GREAT ISSUE.

You may throw it down, trample upon it, bury it, but the money question rises to the top and obscures every other question of political economy. Shrewd men are hired to write plausible stories to appease the public appetite; but, like Caesar's ghost, the money question will not down.

Panics and hard times are not new. Human greed, extortion, usury and every ill we now complain of have afflicted our ancestors for ages. When the silver and gold mines of Greece and Spain were exhausted in the days of Augustus, the Roman Empire had \$1,800,000,000 in circulation. The rich Senators and others saw their opportunity and seized it. They hoarded the money until only \$200,000,000 was in circulation. Prices of labor and all products fell down, down until the masses lost all hope, all ambition. They were worse than slaves. The few rich men were getting rapidly richer, the poor poorer. At last when about eighteen hundred men owned all the property, the once magnificent Roman Empire fell. But not until after more than half the population were driven out of the country and many thousands had suicided, or died from privation and disease. Other European countries are now on the verge of dissolution from the same causes. For thirty years America has been on the downward road, despite appearances. The rich are getting rapidly richer and the poor poorer. Soon our magnificent towns and cities will begin to crumble. Already we have three millions of unemployed, breeders of ignorance, vice and crime. We have many millions working and making a bare subsistence, laying up nothing for a rainy day, unable to buy any home comforts and unable to educate their children. Worse still, we have many thousands of another class of unemployed who, like the rich of the Roman Empire, are feasting on the misfortunes, ignorance and prejudices of their neighbors, sucking their life-blood like leeches.

Hard times are not new to Americans. In 1873 the demonetization of silver precipitated a panic. Thousands of

business firms failed, but the farmers did not feel the shock so distinctly because prices had not then fallen below the low water mark, as they now stand. In 1878 Congress yielded to the pressure and passed two remedial measures. One forbade the further retirement of greenbacks, the other was the Bland silver bill, authorizing the coinage of \$2,000,000 in silver each month. Hard times began to disappear. The New York clearings indexed the growing prosperity by jumping from \$22,500,000,000 in 1878 to \$48,500,000,000 in 1881. This prosperity did not please the bankers and bondholders. By united action they decreased the national bank currency gradually from \$360,000,000 in 1882 to about \$172,000,000 in 1891. Yet, during that period, our population had increased by immigration nearly 16,000,000, and we needed more money instead of less. As a consequence of this contraction the New York clearings have averaged from \$12,000,000,000 to \$14,000,000,000 less per year since 1890 than for the year 1881, when, according to increase of population and all natural laws, they should have been many millions greater. These are facts known to every well informed public man, and we defy contradiction.

We are now in another stage of the panic and contraction results. We don't know what the future has in store for us, but, judging from the past, a sure way to form a pretty correct idea, this government, these people, cannot stand another era of contraction. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. At least seven tenths of the public men, our national legislators, representing the two dominant parties, are responsible for our trouble in the past and are all anxious to hold their places and give the wheel another turn. We can use prevention by hurling them from power. Shall we do this or wait a few years longer and then be forced to use the cure, if we can? Common sense says vote against them. Your conscience tells you to vote against them. Prejudice and partisanship tell you to give them another chance. Do you love your wives and children? Do you wish to see that blue eyed boy or girl, your own flesh and blood, grow up in ignorance, become a serf, go through worse experiences than you have encountered yourself? If you do, vote for a member of the legislature who will, if elected, vote to return Sherman, Hoar, Gordon, Ransom, Hill, Gorman, Brice and their scoundrel associates to the U. S. Senate. If you do, vote to return such men as Reed, Bunn, Livingston, Wilson, Hepburn and their associates to Congress, or whoever their Wall street plutocratic henchmen at home nominate in their places. If you do, listen to the Satan inspired sirens who tell you that you will throw your votes away if you vote for true reformers.

COULDN'T UNDERSTAND.

An exchange says a farmer was arrested and fined the other morning for selling adulterated milk, adulterated with a little harmless water. He wore at the time a suit of all wool (?) clothes badly adulterated with shoddy, and boots whose soles were adulterated with paper or wood shavings. For breakfast he drank adulterated coffee, his meat was spiced with adulterated pepper his cakes puffed up with adulterated baking powder, his pickles soured with adulterated vinegar, his pie was seasoned with adulterated spice, his wife was out of sorts because she could not make good bread out of adulterated flour that had been sold to her for the "best;" in fact he saw and felt the effect of adulteration which ever way he looked, and he had never heard of any of the adulterators being arrested or fined.

LET THE PEOPLE REMEMBER THAT THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENT IN 1896 MAY BE THROWN INTO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

So the Congressmen elected next fall will probably choose our President. It is more important to elect reformers to Congress than it ever was. The contest which is to determine who shall be master, the people or the plutocrats, comes off in 1894 in stead of 1896.

TARIFF REFORM WAS THE GREATEST ISSUE.

It would appear that the protection idea is gaining ground in all sections when we see Senators clamoring for protection on any article that will affect the products of their section regardless of their a sections of tariff reform.—Raleigh Press.

On Friday 15th the Richmond and Danville Railroad was sold at Richmond, Va., under a decree of the U. S. Circuit Court. The purchasers were Drexel Morgan & Co., of New York at \$2,030,000. The sale was confirmed by the court, and the corporation will reorganize under a new charter, which has been granted by the Virginia Legislature. The new name will be Southern Railway Company.

THE ALLIANCE WORK.

No political party can progress because it is bound down by its creed, or platform. For this reason we find old parties totally inadequate to the times. The Alliance is not a political organization, but it discusses all political questions, says Living Issues.

It is a society of investigation that gets at the very foundation of our governmental system.

We see to day the farmer demolishing the astute politician and driving from the field of argument the witty lawyer. What is it that has given the farmer such power? It is the education received through the Alliance.

The old time leaders are unable to meet the well posted Allianceman on the platform or in the press. The Alliance has for once put the farmer far ahead of the other vocations in the science of economic government.

The Alliance is a progressive order. It investigates all subjects and arrives at the truth. It presents the truths for the condemnation of the world and is only bound by them until investigation takes another step forward. The Alliance has brought to light true Democracy, which has slumbered for quarters of a century. It has shown up the wicked rule of plutocracy in a manner that has opened the eyes of the whole nation.

Now an order that has done so much for the education of the people should command the energy of every true patriot in the land to sustain it and publish its influence.

An academy that has done such work to bring truth and justice to light should be maintained.

There is an idea abroad that the Alliance has accomplished its purpose when through its teachings a new political organization has been formed which accepts the Alliance demands on its platform, but a greater mistake was never made.

Investigation must go on and the Alliance is the only order that is doing this work for the laboring man. The let every one who loves truth and justice put his shoulder to the wheel and get everybody to investigating through the Alliance.

Mr. J. A. Smith, editor of the Banner City, N. C., Messenger, and part owner in the new cotton mill and iron works at that place, states in the last issue of that paper that he will no longer affiliate with the Democratic party, but will in future be found with the Populist party.

AN AWFUL CHARGE.

The Pittsboro Record says the leaders of the Third party are "office seekers. Holy Moses! Is it possible? The writer voted that ticket in 1890 but if this be true we will not vote again—not before next November, anyway. We are all undone. This comes like a thunderbolt from a clear sky. Just think of it! Nearly a hundred thousand men quit the Democratic and Republican parties in 1890 in this State and voted the Third party ticket, at least some of them did, those who were registered according to the "State vs. Scarborough." Little do they think that they were leaving parties that had no office-seekers and jumping blindly into a party led by office-seekers. We have been dreaming. There was no marching to Washington after Cleveland took his seat, there has been no office seekers in either the g. p. or the d. o. p. We must redress ourselves. The only chance to do this is for every man to vote for himself and let the parties go to Halifax.

We are truly glad that the Record has exposed the Third party. We are sure that millions yet unborn will rise up and call him blessed. We presume that the Record man has never reported a party led by office-seekers, and if he is consistent, he will never do so, but will continue to expose and all parties containing men who are in the least tainted with a desire to hold office.

Alliance sentiment is growing everywhere. The Chicago Times has made a canvass of Illinois and found that ninety-nine voters in a hundred desire the election of U. S. Senators the people. In Kentucky ninety-nine in a hundred desire that method of election, while the hundredth would be satisfied with nothing short of the abolition of the Senate itself.

OF COURSE IT WILL.

Dun's Review of May 26, says \$23,000,000 gold shipped abroad last month has been largely drawn from the Treasury by the redemption notes. It adds: "Prices of products tend downward." This is a logical conclusion. Contraction of the currency will lower prices every time. It proves the falsity of the doctrine of supply and demand. When the American people establish their financial independence upon a basis which cannot be shipped off to Europe every time Robber-baron gives the word, a basis which will steadily expand as population increases, then and not until then will we have a stable, remunerative prices.